

Decision Record

The proposed action is to allow the BLM to construct a cabin along the Trail Creek Trail to replace the existing Moose Creek Cabin, but on more suitable soils for such use. FF086041, DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0019-EA

Decision: It is my decision to authorize construction of a new cabin, outhouse and woodshed approximately ¾ mile east of the existing Moose Creek cabin site along the Trail Creek trail and 200 yards of new access trail to the cabin. The new cabin will replace the same type of uses currently occurring at the existing site, but will be located on more suitable soils for such facilities, and use. No issues were identified for further analysis although comments related to resource concerns are addressed and mitigated by the attached standard operating procedures (SOP).

Public Involvement: The EA was posted on the NEPA Register beginning in May 2013. No comments were received.

Rationale: Conformance with Land Use Plans: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980 (PL 96-487) classified and designated the White Mountains National Recreation Area (WMNRA),

The WMNRA encompasses nearly one million acres north of Fairbanks, located between the Steese and Elliott Highways. The proposed action conforms with and is tiered to the existing land use plan (LUP) and environmental documentation below.

- Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision for the WMNRA, February 1986.
 - Goal 1: Provide for a variety of public outdoor recreational opportunities which emphasize the existing natural primitive and semi-primitive values appropriate to the WMNRA designation.
 - Objectives: Provide for semi-primitive motorized recreation on the lands along the southern and western boundaries of the WMNRA. Provide opportunities for hunting, trapping, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

The environmental effects of this action were considered in DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0019 and were found to have no significant impacts, thus an environmental impact statement is not required. The evaluation and finding done to comply with Section 810 of ANILCA found no significant subsistence restrictions. The evaluations and finding done to comply with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act found no anticipated impacts to cultural resources and recommended the activity proceed. The evaluation and finding to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Act found that the proposed action will not affect essential fish habitat.

The proposed action is consistent with the use of public lands under the authority of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Sec. 1312(a).

Appeal Provisions: This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Appeals, Office of Hearing and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Ave. Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as e-mail will not be accepted as timely filed.



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Date

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